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## CLARK URGES COLLECTION OF POLL TAX

Last Year was Banner Year in  
the Territory

ALL ABLE BODIED MEN LIABLE

Law can be Easily Enforced and all  
Should Assist in Supporting the  
Schools

The time for collecting poll tax is  
near. Please consult the following sec-  
tions of law 1549 to 1555, inclusive; C. L.  
'07, Sec. 5, Ch. 27, L. '01, Ch. 96, L. '07.  
Note that:

First. All able bodied male persons over  
twenty-one years of age are subject to  
poll tax.

Second. The county assessor shall file  
lists of persons liable to pay poll tax in  
each district with the clerk of the respec-  
tive districts.

Third. Clerk shall collect poll tax and  
pay the same to the county treasurer, who  
shall pay the clerk ten per cent of gross  
amount collected.

Fourth. Clerks shall make copies of list  
of persons liable for poll tax and post  
them in conspicuous places on or before  
the first Monday of April.

Fifth. Clerks shall make a full report  
in writing to the County Superintendent.

Sixth. Clerks are empowered to bring  
suit for collection.

Seventh. No property is exempt from  
execution.

Eighth. Justices of peace and constables  
shall not demand fees in advance.

Ninth. Poll Tax Collection Bill pro-  
vides that on demand of clerk of school  
board, the employer of men liable to  
payment of poll tax shall furnish list of  
names. If the clerk finds names of per-  
sons who have not paid such tax, employ-  
er shall pay same and deduct from wages  
of employee.

Your attention is called to the fact  
that the poll tax law is one of the very  
easiest in our statutes to be enforced.  
You are hereby directed in accordance  
with Sec. 20, Ch. 97, L. '07, to "Enforce  
Compliance With The School Laws." It  
is the duty of the clerks of district boards  
to collect the poll tax, but it is your duty  
to see to it that these school officers do so.

From your annual and special reports at  
this office, it is evident that some one  
has failed to do his whole duty. The col-  
lection of poll tax for the year 1906-1907  
was only \$26,000. The total vote for de-  
legate in 1906 was 45,775. This indicates  
that the work of collecting poll tax was  
only half done. Beginning April first, 1907,  
let the campaign for the collection of pol-  
lar tax be strenuous. Require every man liable  
to the payment of this tax to experience  
the pleasure and the privilege of contrib-  
uting towards the support of the public  
schools.

The year 1907 is the banner year of  
our records in the matter of collection of  
poll tax, but we should not be especially  
proud of that for the amount of collection  
is not at all satisfactory.

Trusting that you may add to the  
efficiency of work of our school officials in  
the matter of collecting poll tax for 1908,  
I am Yours sincerely,  
(Signed) J. E. Clark  
Supt. Public Instruction  
Santa Fe, N. Mex.  
March 16, 1908.

## Relieved by Death

W. Doty, who has been suffering for  
some weeks with dropsy of the lower  
limbs, but not confined to his bed, fell  
dead in the O. K. saloon yesterday  
morning. A short time ago, arrange-  
ments were made and the invalid was  
sent to Santa Fe to a hospital, but not  
being satisfied there, he found his way  
back to Estancia. He has been living  
alone, it being understood that he has  
relatives in Kentucky. A fund was  
raised and the body laid to rest in the  
little cemetery southwest of town.

## What has become of the Bonds?

At a regular meeting of the Honorable  
Commissioners Court for this county  
held at Estancia, January 6, 1908, a  
block of ground was tendered said Court  
for a county court house site, which off-  
er was accepted by the said court. And  
at the prior meeting of the court, bonds  
were voted in the sum of \$15,000, of  
which \$10,000 was to be used in the erec-  
tion of a court house and jail and \$5,  
000 to be used as current expense funds.  
At the regular meeting in January, one,  
Mr. Bergere, of Santa Fe, made a propo-  
sition to purchase said bonds and pro-  
posed to have the funds here within  
thirty days. After all the preliminaries  
were arranged, Mr. Bergere was given  
authority to sell the bonds for the county  
and it was conceded that work would  
commence on the court house by March  
1st. Almost ninety days have elapsed  
and as yet nothing has been done in the  
way of a bond sale or work on the build-  
ing. If Mr. Bergere is unable to fulfil  
his part of the agreement for any reason,  
the commissioners should seek recourse  
through other channels.

I have been credibly informed that  
there were parties here, some time since  
willing, able and anxious to purchase  
said bonds at par value, which was a  
liberal offer, considering the stringency  
of the money market and the high rate at  
which discounts are made, especially in  
the west. At present we could not expect  
to sell at a premium, all conditions con-  
sidered. At the meeting in January, 1908,  
Judge Easley of Santa Fe was pres-  
ent, representing the territorial peni-  
tentiary and had bills against the county  
for several hundred dollars, and under  
his instructions was to enter suit against  
the county for services rendered unless  
some satisfactory arrangements could be  
made, whereby the penitentiary might  
receive her just dues. The arrangement  
between the commissioners and Mr.  
Bergere for the floating of the bonds,  
was satisfactory to Mr. Easley, and he  
agreed to await results before taking  
action, against the county. Should the  
present condition of affairs continue,  
and the penitentiary be compelled to  
take action against the county in the  
courts to recover said bill, the credit of  
the county would be impaired to such  
an extent that bonds will not meet with  
so ready sale as if the matters were ad-  
justed outside the court. J. I. Rawson.

## Assessor Taken Suddenly Ill.

Antonio Salazar, assessor of Torrance  
county, was taken suddenly ill Monday-  
morning at his home in Estancia, falling  
in a faint, and when found some time  
later, required a physician to restore  
consciousness. He was preparing to at-  
tend Mass, his wife having preceded  
him, and being alone in the house, his  
sickness was not discovered until some  
time later. He was brought around all  
right and is about as good as new again.

## Walker Sells Homestead.

James Walker, this week closed a  
deal, whereby he has disposed of his  
homestead northwest of town to J. N.  
Shirley, of Oklahoma. The Walker place  
has one of the best ranch houses to be  
found close to town, which together  
with the other improvements, makes the  
price received, \$3,000 very reasonable.

## Another Rancher

Arrives in the Valley.

The stork, in making its regular visit  
to the valley, stopped at the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Dibert, just  
south of town. Wednesday morning  
leaving an eight and a half pound boy.  
Mother and son are doing well, and  
Ammon is reported as out of danger,  
altho he is said to have purchased a  
larger hat upon visiting the store the  
first time he was in town after the ar-  
rival of the youngster. Grandpa  
Dibert, who has been in town, is also  
highly elated over the occurrence.

## Mrs. J. W. Records Help to Fortune

Many Estancia Friends will Rejoice  
with Wife of Former Master  
Mechanic

J. W. Records, of Cimarron, who some  
ten days ago went to Miles City, Mon-  
tana, a town near Billings, for the pur-  
pose of looking after the estate lately  
left his wife, writes her that he has re-  
ached his destination safely and likes the  
country very much. He states that the  
estate left her by her father Benjamin  
L. Lampton, at his death which occurred  
about two months ago consists of a fine  
ranch and house worth many thousand  
dollars, a hundred head of cattle which  
he is now rounding up, horses and other  
stock as well as a comfortable bank ac-  
count.

This is all a matter of congratulation  
to Mr. and Mrs. Records who are living  
in Cimarron where Mr. Records or  
"Jack" as he is best known, is a master  
mechanic in the shops of the St. Louis,  
Rocky Mountain and Pacific railroad,  
and who lived in Raton previous to go-  
ing to Cimarron.

Mrs. Records mother died when she  
was a small child and she has not seen  
her father since she was five years of  
age. She was reared as their own child  
by Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher, her mother's  
sister. The father drifted to Montana  
thirty years ago and died there as above  
related, leaving all his property to his  
only child and heir Mr. Records will re-  
turn about the first of April.—Raton  
Range.

## A Fire Fighting Parson.

(Capitan News.)

Saturday night, while the Southwestern  
Hotel was burning, the tall form of Rev.  
R. P. Pope, the genial Baptist minister  
from Ruidoso, was conspicuous among  
the fire fighters. The minister is very  
tall, lithe and active, and his efforts to  
subdue the flames reminded those who  
saw him of his "fire-fighting" qualities  
in the pulpit, to which he has devoted  
most of his life, trying to rescue human  
souls from the danger of falling head-  
long into that region below where Satan  
is head fireman. In fact, to the most ob-  
servant he appeared like a huge hose-  
cart and certainly justified the compari-  
son; water was hard to get but by some  
means he got hold of a bucket that  
seemed to be inexhaustible, and kept up  
a continuous play on the fire. The  
minister, of course, believes in the efforts  
of prayer on all occasions, and also of  
the saving power of plenty of water on  
some occasions. Only for a brief  
moment did the reverend pastor cease  
work, and that was when an over-zealous,  
but excited, individual, dashed a bucket  
of water on the fire, which, however,  
went wide of the mark, and hit the  
minister full, sprinkling him from head to  
foot. Sprinkling would naturally dis-  
turb the equanimity of a Baptist at any  
time who believes that immersion only  
can save, so the feelings of the reverend  
gentleman can be more easily imagined  
than described, as he mildly rebuked the  
young man who had deluged him with  
water: "Brother, that bucket of water  
would have had better effect if you had  
thrown it on the fire; besides, brother,  
I have been Baptized once, and believe  
I am saved. We are now trying to save  
this building, and if you confine your  
efforts to the fire we may yet succeed." The  
minister shook the water from his  
dripping locks and continued to fight the  
flames with renewed vigor.—Journal.

## Rain Turns to Snow

Last Saturday evening a slow rain  
began falling throughout the valley  
which turned to snow before morning.  
The precipitation in the valley was  
slight, but in the foothills toward the  
west was much greater, the snowfall  
being several inches. This will help  
the crops this summer, but more is  
needed.

## Teachers Will Hold Meeting

Superintendent Clark of Santa Fe  
will Address Association on  
Friday Night

The following program has been pre-  
pared for the Torrance County Teach-  
ers' Association for the last meeting of  
the Association for the year 1907-08, to  
be held in the Baptist Church in Estan-  
cia April 4th, 1908. A letter has been  
received from Territorial Superintendent  
J. E. Clark, stating that he thought  
it would be possible for him to be pre-  
sent at this meeting. Arrangements  
have been made to have Supt. Clark de-  
liver an address to the Association and  
the citizens of the Valley Friday even-  
ing, April 3rd, 1908. It is urged that  
every teacher attend this meeting and  
help to make it a success. All persons  
interested in education are requested to  
attend and take part in the discussion  
of these school problems.  
9:00 a. m.—Song by Choir.  
Invocation..... Rev. D. B. Jackson  
Song by Choir  
"School Sanitation and Decoration".....  
C. L. Burt, Mrs. Reta Matthews and  
Miss Martha Duke.  
"Steps to be taken to Induce the Leg-  
islature to Pass a Law Deriving a  
School Fund From Property Tax In-  
stead of Saloon License".....  
Revs. J. W. Campbell and W. A. Pratt  
"What Work Should be done by Pupil  
the First Two Months in School".....  
Miss Belle Guinn, Mrs. Mollie Rowe  
and Mrs. Emma Parrett.  
"The True Teacher" essay.....  
.....Miss Nettie Gordon.  
1:15 p. m.—"Current Events".....  
Miss Adeline Woods, Miss Ola Gilbert  
and Thomas Gunter.  
"Methods of Teaching the Tables in  
Arithmetic".....  
Mrs. Lola Geisler, Mrs. Laura Young  
and Jose Garcia.  
"Methods of Teaching Reading".....  
Mrs. Stella Young, Mrs. Edna Ford  
and D. S. Collins.  
Respectfully submitted,  
W. R. Shelton,  
J. C. Jaramillo,  
Nettie Gordon,  
Committee.

## Homestead Filings

Before U. S. Commissioner Earl Scott:  
Samuel McGran, Colchester, Ill., 7,  
10, 8  
Thos. H. Wagle, Galesburg, Ill., 7, 10,  
8  
Sebron A. Nisbett, 9, 6, 9  
Pleasant D. Spears, 9, 5, 7  
L. A. Yount, 8, 5, 7  
Geo. W. Barnett, 23, 6, 9  
Milam Stanley, 23, 6, 10  
William E. Moore, McIntosh, 33, 6, 9  
Before John W. Corbett, U. S. Court  
Commissioners.  
Bennetta R. Tipton, 1, and 2, 5, 6  
Wm. A. Hammonds, 20, 7, 8  
William Skirk, 29, 6, 9  
John Stephens, 32, 10, 8  
Louis W. DeWolfe, 29, 2, 12  
Wm. M. Morgan, 25, 5, 6  
Joe Gomez, 30, 8, 11  
Wm. S. Cotton, 17, 8, 10  
Jose G. Griego, 28, 2, 11  
Salvador Jaramillo, 28, 2, 11  
Charlie M. Arnold, 6, 8, 10

## School Election

Notice is hereby given that an elec-  
tion will be held in Estancia on Monday  
April 6th, for the purpose of choosing  
one director for a term of two years,  
one director for a term of three years,  
and for the further purpose of voting  
on the issuance of bonds for the erec-  
tion of a school building.  
By order of the Board of Directors

Marshal Atkinson, who has been at-  
tending the Agricultural College at Las  
Cruces, returned home Tuesday of this  
week.

## Injunction Issued vs. Commissioners

Injunction papers were served on the  
commissioners of the Tajique Land Grant  
Wednesday of this week, enjoining them  
from acting in any manner as such  
commissioners until the case will have  
been threshed out in the district court.

The matter came up directly, as a re-  
sult of the said commissioners having  
sold the timber of the grant to J. H.  
English & Company, who have just moved  
their sawmill onto the grant and are  
preparing to saw up the timber. The  
injunction, which was secured through  
the efforts of Amador Otero, Romulo  
Chaves and others, not only asks that  
the commissioners be enjoined from dis-  
posing of the timber, but in acting in any  
manner as commissioners of the said  
grant.

The commissioners are: Manuel San-  
chez y Sanchez, Bonafacio Barela, Vite-  
rbo Anaya, Candido Sanchez and Jose  
Anastacio Maldonado. These gentlemen  
are cited to appear before Judge Mann,  
at Santa Rosa, April 6th, and show cause  
why the injunction should not be made  
permanent. They claim that it is merely  
a scheme, hatched by other parties who  
are desirous of getting the timber for  
much less than Mr. English and his com-  
pany had offered; which is \$2.25 per  
thousand feet, log measure.

## Knights of Phythias Organize.

Mountainair Lodge No. 32, K. of P.  
was instituted last Thursday night,  
March 19, by Deputy Grand Chancellor  
John H. Crum of Albuquerque. Officers  
of the new lodge were installed as fol-  
lows:

P. C., Chas. L. Burt. C. C., John W.  
Corbett. V. C., M. B. Fuller. P., Dr.  
A. E. Black. K. of R. and S., W. M.  
McCoy. M. of W., W. M. Bostock.  
M. at A., W. S. Garvin. M. of F.,  
Chas. L. Burt. M. of E., W. S. Car-  
mony. I. G., W. A. Lovelace. O. G.,  
Frank Carson. Trustees: James P.  
Dunlavy, R. W. Hurt, J. F. Carver.

## Mrs. Clayton Undergoes Operation

Mrs. Clayton, living about half-way  
between Estancia and Willard on Tues-  
day of this week, underwent a difficult  
operation, having suffered for some  
time from a complication of diseases.  
The appendix, which was abnormally  
large was removed. Drs. Mason, Hazen  
and Sunderland were the operating sur-  
geons. The patient is reported as rest-  
ing as well as could be expected under  
the circumstances.

## Obituary

Francis Marion Williamson, was born  
in Boone county, Indiana, March 22, 1846  
and died March 4, 1908, of heart failure.  
He joined the Union Army, in August  
1863, serving in the 43d Indiana, until the  
close of the war.

In the fall of 1882 he became a resident  
of Kansas, and lived in Anthony and later  
in Caldwell, until April 1907, when he re-  
moved to McIntosh, New Mexico, where  
he resided at the time of his death.

Mr. A. A. Fitch, an intimate and faith-  
ful friend of the deceased, accompanied  
the remains to McAlester, Okla., the home  
of Mr. Williamson's only sister, Mrs. Jas.  
A. Lynn.

The funeral services were held at the  
family residence and interment made in  
Oklahoma Hill cemetery.

Frank, as he was better known, was  
always an affectionate son, and brother  
and an honorable citizen.—Ex.

Don Benigno Romero of Albuquerque  
arrived yesterday to visit his children,  
and left again last night.

Joe C. Digneo of Santa Fe, has spent  
several days this week in Estancia. Joe  
has had a claim in the valley, but from  
his frequent visits some are beginning  
to think that it is "claims."

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People Here

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H. Garnett.  
Chamber's Encyclopedia, 8 Vols.,  
Geo. Falconer.  
Makers of American History, 20  
Vols., M. B. Atkinson.  
The War in the East, White, Mrs.  
H. Averill.  
The Anitquary.  
Old Mortality, W. Scott, O. W. Lasa-  
Life of Wm. McKinley, M. Halstead,  
Mrs. H. B. Hawkins.  
Life of Wm. McKinley, M. Everett,  
W. W. Condit.  
Preparing to Teach, Mrs. G. H. Van-  
Stone.

Bridges Exposition of the Proverbs,  
Mrs. G. H. Van Stone.  
Barnes Notes, Mrs. G. H. Van Stone.  
Evenings with Jesus, Jay, Mrs. G. H.  
Van Stone.

Abbott's Illustrated New Testament,  
Mrs. G. H. Van Stone.  
Hours with the Bible, Geikie, Mrs.  
G. H. Van Stone.

The Crisis, Churchill, Mrs. G. H. Van-  
Stone.  
Richard Carvel, Churchill, Mrs. G. H.  
Van Stone.

His Sombre Rivals, Roe, Mrs. G. H.  
Van Stone.  
Mornings With Jesus, Jay, Mrs. G.  
H. Van Stone.

The Prayer Meeting, Thompson, Mrs.  
G. H. Van Stone.  
Pearls from Many Seas, McClure, C.  
A. Evans.

Studies of Bible Truths, Keener, Mrs.  
W. M. Simmons.  
Among the forces, Warren, Mrs. W.  
M. Simmons.

Our Island Empire, Morris, Mrs. W.  
M. Simmons.  
Ben Hur, Wallace, Earl W. Morrill.  
Creasy's Battles, Creasy, D. B. Mor-  
rill.

What all the World's Aseeking, True,  
H. C. Hittson.  
Men of Renown, Wise, W. A. Pratt.  
Wide, Wide World, Wetherell.

Audrey, Johnson, O. W. Lasater.  
Physiology, Cutter, Myra A. Nichols.  
Under the Rose, Isham, Pearl McBee.

Notre Dame, Hugo, J. T. Tuttle.  
Autocrat of the Breakfast Table, Hol-  
mes, Mrs. W. M. Simmons.

Poems, Whittier.  
Poems, Kipling, Mona Bush.  
Our Mutual Friend, Dickens.

Lucie, Meredith.  
My Uncle Toby, Irene Pratt.  
Jane Eyre.

Self Reliance, Weltmer, Mrs. H. B.  
Hawkins.  
Marmion, Scott, F. H. Ayers.

Bonny Briar Bush, McLaren, Dean  
Maxwell.  
Three men in a boat, Jerome, Dean  
Maxwell.

As You Like It, Shakespeare, Dean  
Maxwell.  
Hamlet, Shakespeare, Dean Maxwell.

Proceedings, H. of R. State of Texas,  
accepting Statues of Houston and Aus-  
tin, Mrs. H. B. Hawkins.

Compiled Laws of New Mexico, Mrs.  
H. B. Hawkins.  
Session Laws.

Stepping Stones to Literature, Grace  
Morrill.  
Cousin Maud, Holmes, Estancia Drug  
Co.

Throne of David, Ingraham, Estancia  
Drug Co.  
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